IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CONTEMPT PETITION NO. 176 OF 2007
WITH
CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 102 OF 2007
IN
C.P. NO. 176 OF 2007

1. Jagdish Ramaswami Chinni & Anr. .. Petitioners.

V/s.

Puranchandra Pandurang Punjal .. Contemnor/ Respondent.

Mr.I.M.Khirdi for the Petitioners.

Mr.Girish Godbole for Respondent -Contemnor.

CORAM : S. A. BOBDE, J.

DATED : 10th AUGUST, 2007.

P.C. :-

. The petitioners claim that the respondent has committed contempt of the order of this court by taking sides and canvassing for some candidates even though he was asked to conduct elections in a fair and transparent manner. It is not denied by the learned counsel for the petitioners that even ordinarily the President on whom the duty is caste to conduct elections, normally is not prohibited from doing any canvassing and, therefore, there is no reason, in my view, to construe the order of this court as imposing a particular responsibility or

dis-ability which the President would not ordinarily have. In such a situation, it would be difficult to attribute willful disobedience of the order of this court, if ordinarily the President is permitted to canvass for votes.

2. In this view of the matter, there is no merit in the contempt petition, which is hereby dismissed. In view of this, nothing survives in the civil application and the same stands disposed of accordingly.

(S.A.BOBDE,J.)

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